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FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER My Special Letter No. 9

Since writing My Special Letter No. 8, more letters have come to me that make it necessary for me to continue with the same subject in this letter.

One refers to the August, 1911, number of the Magazine as a good example of what Parks Floral Magazine ought to be, and the writer begins her letter by saying: "It seems to me that the former publisher must have started the Magazine as an advertising medium to get up an interest in what he offered to sell".

While I would not like to make this statement, I am very glad some reader has done so, because it hits on the very point that marks the difference between the Magazine of today and that of years ago. Mr. Park did start his Magazine to advertise his flower seeds, and, later, plants. He simply saturated the reading matter with information about the varieties he had for sale. In those days this could be done, but of late years it is not permissible under Post Office regulations. If we filled Parks Floral Magazine with the same sort of reading matter that it once contained we could not publish it at all except at a very much higher price, because it could be mailed only one copy in a wrapper, the postage varying from one cent upwards, according to the number of pages it contained.

In this letter our correspondent also remarks that many articles were repeated from time to time, pictures and all.

This same writer continues: "We do not want the Floral Magazine to be scientific, but plain, practical and full", and, also, "I seldom read any paper that has advertisements and reading matter all hashed together; it is not neat or handy for articles". This, too, is one of the changed conditions. Advertisers will not patronize a publication willingly that does not run reading matter on pages with advertisements, and without advertising the subscription price of a publication would become practically prohibitive. We must carry advertising and make our publication profitable to the advertisers who pay for it, and I am afraid, therefore, we must accommodate ourselves this far to their ideas.

Again, this writer would like, when a plant is described, to see the price, and, incidentally, to read the place where it may be purchased. This is prohibited, because it would make our Magazine an advertising medium for our own, or someone else's, products, and the rate of postage would be increased on it as I have already explained. This was not formerly the case, but it is now.

Unfortunately this writer did not give her post office address, because I would have liked to answer her letter personally, as I shall some of the others.

The second letter contains this unexpected statement: "A seed catalogue is the natural place to look for the kinds of flowers we want to plant, and it seems just as natural to turn to the Floral Magazine, afterwards, to find out what to do with them".

While I agree with all the letters received that the Magazine should be floral in character, I do believe that when the Magazine is larger we can profitably find space in it for matters and descriptions that, while not actually and directly floral, can fairly be considered associated subjects, permitting us to reinstate the Hill and Hollow Papers, and also the Pine Tree Nature Club for our younger folk; for I cannot think it would be wise, in such a publication as I hope soon to be able to make Parks Floral Magazine, not to have a department particularly for these young people, through which to teach them love and respect for flowers.

From one contributor comes this statement: "You are right in blaming the 'Ford' for the lack of interest you complain about. I find it so here. People would rather ride about and have someone else to raise flowers; then they drive by and purchase a bouquet".

There are people like this, a great many of them, and not only occupants of Fords, but I am sure we all want to be the people who have the pretty flowers and artistic plantings which are admired by those driving past. Perhaps they may be an inspiration to some, even though others are merely "flower beggars".

I shall ask our Editor to print extracts from some of the letters from time to time, for they are all very interesting and helpful, and you will be sure to obtain new ideas from them.

I might say that I agree entirely with the consensus of opinion that Parks Floral Magazine should be exclusively floral, and one way to help make it so is for our readers to begin now to keep us well supplied with practical experience in floral matters.

Business Manager.

MANY SEEDS AND CUTTINGS RECEIVED FROM PLANT EXPLORER IN CHINA

During the past year Mr. Joseph F. Rock, agricultural explorer for the Bureau of Plant Industry, has explored a region whose agriculture has never been thoroughly investigated and one which promises to yield many plants of economic value to American farmers and horticulturists. Though tropical in latitude, the mountains of Yunnan, in southwestern China, where this work is being carried on, rise to such heights that they present many large areas whose climatic conditions are not unlike those of the eastern and southeastern United States. Mr. Rock has, in fact, collected plants above the snow line in numerous instances.

Of special interest to flower lovers will be the large number of wild Roses which has been secured, some of them promising for cultivation in North American gardens, others of value to breeders. The department will continue to receive all of Mr. Rock's plant collections and his scientific notes on the agriculture of the region which he traverses. It is expected that much information of value to agriculture and possibly new crops of potential value will be secured during the course of the explorations, as well as many handsome ornamental plants to enrich American gardens.

PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE

LaPark, Pennsylvania.

THE EVER POPULAR GERMAN IRIS

When botanists sought a name for the Iris, they chose the Greek word for Rainbow, and rightly does it deserve this name, for it may be had in all colors and shades from the purest

fectly hardy, thriving under most varied conditions. The roots increase so rapidly they are best divided every three years, but other than this, really a valuable feature, they require



white, through gorgeous yellows and lovely pinks, to blue and dark purple.

Of the hundred or more species found in America, perhaps the most popular are the Liberty, or German, Irises. They are per-

very little care. Through May and June can be found their beautiful blooms, and even after the flowers have faded and died, the leaves form valuable foliage bases for the other plants of the hardy border.

INSECTS AND DISEASES OF THE ROSE

THE best method for combating diseases on Roses is to dust the plants with a combination of dusting sulphur and arsenate of lead, in the proportion of 90 per cent. sulphur and 10 per cent. powdered arsenate of lead. This dusting sulphur is



A SPRAY OF CRIMSON RAMBLERS

especially prepared for dusting, 98 per cent. of it passing through a sieve having 200 meshes to the square inch. It can be secured from dealers in spraying materials already mixed in the proportions given above, and can be applied by shaking through a bag made of cheese cloth, or a dusting machine. This treatment will control the leaf diseases such as mildew and black spot, also chewing insects.

To control sucking insects, such as leaf hoppers and aphids, spray the plants as necessary with one of the tobacco extracts such as Black Leaf 40, diluting it at the rate of 1 part to 800 parts of water and adding to each gallon of the diluted spray one ounce of soap, dissolved before adding. Apply thoroughly, being sure to hit the under side of the leaves.

Should the sulphur-arsenate of lead dust be not available, 5-5-50 Bordeaux mixture can be used, adding powdered arsenate of lead at the rate of one-half ounce to each gallon. Directions for making Bordeaux are enclosed. The drawback to this is the spotting of the foliage.

Concentrated lime sulphur wash, the liquid kinds (not the dry substitutes) can be used diluted one part to fifty parts of water and adding lead arsenate as directed for the Bordeaux mixture.

The Rose bug can be fought successfully by using a sweetened arsenate of lead. To a gallon of water add one ounce of powdered arsenate of lead, and two or three table-spoonsful of molasses. Apply just before the Rose bug appears and keep the plants well covered.

For the scale insects, such as the Rose scale, spray during the dormant season with concentrated lime sulphur wash diluted one part to eight parts water, or with one of the so-called soluble or miscible oils.

My June roses are beautiful, especially a white one brought from Massachusetts by my grandmother as much as seventy-five years ago. I had a lovely dark red rose which was about six feet high. The rabbits gnawed it off two years and now it is pink instead of dark red. It must have been a grafted rose. Belle Bailey, Iowa.

ASTER, HEART OF FRANCE

Those who grow Asters would do well to try the new red variety, Heart of France. It is the most beautiful red Aster that I have ever seen. I had a few plants last year and everyone who saw them in bloom admired them greatly. The plants are of branching type and are profuse bloomers, the blossoms borne on long, strong stems. The blossoms are large and full and they retain their beauty for a long time. They are almost, if not entirely, free from the purple tints common to most red Asters, being a lovely ruby shade which deepens with age and which blends beautifully with flowers of other colors.

A. E. McL., Penna.

START PERENNIALS

My motto is: start perennials, for both you and those who follow are benefited by their planting. They stand much neglect and remain as a remembrance of your residence at one time in that spot, something the same as the girl who left a trail of sunshine with her golden Hollyhocks.

I love to think of the flowers I have planted in other places that some one may be enjoying, and I always note with interest and pleasure the flowers that have been planted on a spot that becomes my new home.

Ada Pilker, Wash.



HER FAVORITE ROSE

There are many sorts of Roses,

But the one milady seeks,

Is the Rose upon her dresser,

Bought in boxes for—her cheeks.

G. M. Gage, Kansas.

RHODODENDRONS THRIVE IN SOIL TREATED WITH ALUMINUM SULPHATE

A method for making the ordinary garden soil suitable for Rhododendrons has been discovered by Dr. Frederick V. Coville, Botanist of the United States Department of Agriculture, which, although still in the experimental stage, will be welcomed by nurserymen and others interested in growing ornamental shrubbery. This knowledge is likely to be of importance at the present time when the importation of these plants has been greatly curtailed through the plant quarantine laws, and nurserymen are now trying to grow the needed plants inside the United States.

Native Rhododendrons, unlike most plants and crops, require an acid soil and will not thrive in the ordinary, fertile garden or greenhouse soil, but they grow with great luxuriance in sand mixed with peat, rotting wood, or with half-rotted leaves. Experiments have made it clear that Rhododendrons thrive in this kind of soil because its chemical reaction is acid, and they die in the ordinary fertile soil because its reaction is neutral or alkaline.

Dr. Coville's experimental work, which has been done in the greenhouse, has shown that aluminum sulphate, when applied to an ordinary soil, is an effective and inexpensive method of changing the soil reaction from neutral or alkaline to acid. Where soils have been so treated the stimulation of growth of the Rhododendrons has been very great, as much as 250 per cent. increase in the diameter of the rosettes of seedling Rhododendrons having been secured.

Crude aluminum sulphate is used in the chemical industries and is not expensive.

Experiments that have been in progress for several years past have shown that soil acidity is required not only for Rhododendrons but for Azaleas, Kalmias, and practically all the plants of the Heath family, besides many Orchids and numerous other plants of ornamental horticulture that are commonly regarded as difficult of cultivation. "There is every reason to expect," said Dr. Coville, "that these other plants also can be made to thrive in ordinary soils through the use of aluminum sulphate."

Experimental work in this matter has not been carried on for sufficient length of time to be certain that long continued treatment with aluminum sulphate may not lead to the devel-

opment of unforeseen difficulties, such as the formation of hydrogen sulphide or other compounds of sulphur injurious to this type of plants. For the present the aluminum sulphate treatment should be regarded as experimental.

Large Rhododendrons growing in the deeper soils of outdoor plantings were not tested in these experiments, but for such situations, it is believed, amounts of aluminum sulphate up to half a pound per square yard may be applied advantageously and safely, if the soil is of the ordinary fertile type, the application being repeated if the soil is not made acid by the first application.

In an ideal Rhododendron soil aluminum sulphate is unnecessary and useless. Persons desiring to experiment with sickly, outdoor Rhododendrons are advised to apply the aluminum sulphate to only a portion of the plantings, always leaving another untreated portion for comparison.

RAISING CHOICE PLANTS FROM SEED

I have been very successful in raising Calceolarias, Cinerarias, Primula Sinensis and Baby Primrose from seed. I always send for my seed early in the season so that when I am ready to sow them they are waiting for me. Some warm day in April I fill common ten quart flat pans within half an inch of the top with fine, moist earth, not too rich, for if so the plants will have to be propped up; they will be so long-legged. I pat the earth down firmly with my hand, sprinkle the seed on the top and pat down again.



RHODODENDRONS AS CUT-FLOWERS

Sometimes I sow two varieties in one pan, marking them, and then lay a cloth over the pan and sprinkle that with warm water. In a few days it is time to take off the cloth and then water carefully. When your plants are about two inches high pot them in separate dishes. I turn a tumbler over each plant for a few days. There is great fascination in watching the tiny seedlings grow, and if your seed is good you will have several plants of each variety to pay you for your trouble, when you could afford to buy but a few.

In the Fall Primulas may be divided and each crown potted separately and you will then have extra plants to give your floral friends. I find the Primrose the most satisfactory plant of the three.

Ima, Ohio.

MAKING GERANIUM CUTTINGS

With the warm days of Spring there comes to one a desire to plant seeds and cuttings for the Summer. The easiest plant to increase by slips is the Geranium, but in making them (a slip and a cutting are the same) the most important thing is to get them in just the right condition neither too hard and tough nor too



ZONAL-LEAVED GERANIUMS

soft and watery. To tell whether the shoot or branch from which the cutting is taken is just right, bend it between the fingers and the thumb. If it snaps like a fresh string bean, it is in proper condition to root.

Take all cuttings off clean, avoiding ragged edges, then remove nearly all the leaves. After making the cuttings they should lay a few hours before planting so the cut will be slightly calloused over, but they should be planted before they have time to wilt. Perfect drainage is necessary to keep the cuttings from decaying, and place them far enough apart so they will not touch each other.

Mrs. W. N. Wood, Iowa.

A PANSY BASKET

In the center of a lovely Kentucky Blue Grass lawn is an oblong bed of Pansies about four feet wide and eight feet long. Around the bed is green fence wire about four inches high with a strip over the top like the handle of a basket. The handle has Smilax growing up each side which meets in the centre of the handle and is kept trimmed. The effect is like an immense basket of Pansies and is beautiful.

Mrs W. A Jones, Calif.

BEDDING OUT GERANIUMS

When you bed out your Geraniums try putting a layer of fresh horse manure over the soil, not too close to the plant, then put on the mulching. For mulching I use straw from the old stack bottoms. The past year was very hot and dry, but I had blossoms on the S. A. Nutt Geraniums almost like Roses.

A Subscriber, N. Dak.

BEGONIAS FROM SEED

I have succeeded in raising the Semperflorens Begonias from seed in the following way: As Spring is such a busy time on the farm I do not start the seed until settled warm weather. I prepare the soil, fine leaf-mold and sand, in a shallow box, never wooden boxes, sow the seed, set it in a pan of water until the top is moist and then cover with glass and set outside in a shady place.

Mine grew better where I set the pan to the south of a box a few inches higher than the pan, then I inclined a board over to the higher box. This gave them a peep of the morning and evening sun, and the sun shining on the board and moist ground seemed to be just what they needed, for they grew fine. I leave glass on until I transplant them, then I bring them in the house and put them in an east window, leaving the glass off. If I take the glass off as soon as they germinate they do not root so well, but in this way it seems that every little seedling takes root.

Seedlings from Fine Seed

Seeds, such as some of the finer Petunia, etc., that require more care, I merely push into the soil with a moistened pin or toothpick and cover with a sprinkling of fine soil, just a thin layer. I water by setting in a pan of water, for in this way one can regulate the



SINGLE GRANDIFLORA PETUNIAS

amount of moisture. For those that do not require much, leave the pan in the water but a few seconds. A toothbrush is a fine thing to use in spraying them, should they need it. Dip it in water, shake the water off, then rub the fingers over it, making a spray.

When I raise Cyperus from seed I keep the soil as wet as for the larger plants. And, by-the-way, this pan of seedling Cyperus is a fine place to start your Mimulus. I never could get many seeds to germinate until I threw some seed in the pan of Cyperus and every seed grew. A Subscriber, N. Dak.

A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

For some time I have thought that I would like to tell you about a beautiful garden here. Its owner is a lawyer who finds rest from his exacting duties in attending to his flowers. The residence is on the south end of a lot probably sixty-six by two hundred feet. In the dining-room is a large window facing towards the north and that part of the lot is laid out so as to look like a picture from this window.

A fence about eight feet high, covered with vines, variegated hop, wild cucumber and grape, encloses the garden and forms a background for the flowers and a frame for the picture. Just behind the house is a nice grass plot with a few good trees and shrubs. In line with the dining-room window is a high arch covered with vines over the central path of the main garden which is laid out in symmetrical beds and grassy walks. Ornamental benches of cement furnish seats. There are, also, a sun dial and a bird bath. This year a cement pond is to be made with water lilies, gold fish and other delights in it.

I have left the best until the last, for I have not mentioned the flowers. This is a truly blue garden; iris, forget-me-nots, bachelor buttons, blue-bells, larkspur, asters, monkshood, ageratum and various other blue and purple flowers succeed each other in the beautiful vista from the window. I have seen gardens in parks that were beautiful, but this blue garden is the loveliest I have ever seen. No faded flower or ragged edged bed mars its perfection. Even in the winter it is beautiful. We call it the "Secret Garden", after Mrs. Burnett's story, and peep through the vines every time we go by to see the flowers and the birds who enjoy its quiet and the food and drink provided.

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PENTSTEMONS IN ARIZONA

Among Arizona's various flowers are
 the perennial pentstemons, in numerous
 colors, and both small and large flowering.
 The larger ones are mostly of some shade
 of pale blue, lilac and lavender and white
 spotted in the throat and have a tubular,
 gloxinia-like blossom, with chocolate mark-
 ings.

The smaller forms come in a deep cer-
 ise-pink, flaming scarlet-red, and a lovely
 shade of blue. Some call this last one
 blue sage. It is very pretty and, like its
 pink and red sisters, chooses a rocky
 canyon-side for its home. The large
 flowered sort is most frequently seen in
 the flats of creek-beds and washes near
 water.

The leaves of all these plants are in
 pairs; two leaves form at a joint and
 two more at the next, each on an oppo-
 site side of the stalk. These pentstemons
 are all easily transplanted, are good
 bloomers and very hardy. The scarlet
 prefers a northern slope or hillside, quite
 high and most often dry, but cool.

Mrs. C. Bly, Ariz.

I found dusting with coalashes very effective for bugs
 on Asters last Summer. Margaret R. Cope.



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You would return again.

The time has passed so slow, so slow the
days!

I count them over one by one,
So sure am I you will your promise keep,
As flowers wait the greeting of the sun.

And then—I saw you, hidden in dense growth,
Your bright and golden head held high.
My heart, it almost stopped, so glad I was.
Narcissus, dear, you did not pass me by.

Lita, Calif.

POETICAL AESTHETICS

Beauty is an elevating influence. Every
flower has its mission and every leaf its
purpose. Thus, on wings of light we rise
to higher thoughts and realize the mean-
ing of the aesthetic world.

The poetry of the universe rhymes in
unwritten lines that stretch from the
mountain's snowy head, white in the sky,
o'er desert sands, to forests and fields,
and to the little flowers that smile with
the gift of beauty's power and sweeten
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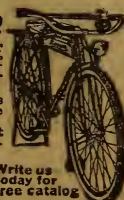
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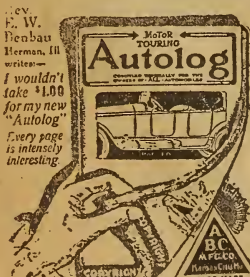
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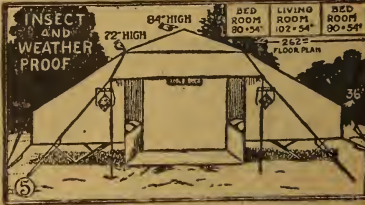
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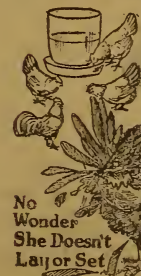
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Where, glad some in your kisses deep,
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Why does the hawthorne, prim and gay,
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Where, fragrant through each lovely day,
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. How can I avoid aphids on my Aster roots?—C. S., Ind.

A. Mix a handful of wood ashes in the ground where you set each Aster. Or you can soak the ground with tobacco water made by steeping a pound of tobacco stems in a gallon of water.—EDITOR.

Q. What do the figures 5-5-50 mean when written before Bordeaux mixture?—J. C., Ala.

A. This is the standard formula for making Bordeaux mixture. The first figure refers to the number of pounds of copper sulphate, the second to the lime and the third to the number of gallons of water.—EDITOR.

Q. My Auricula gets olive-green spots on the leaves, which turn brown and fall out. What can I do for it?—M. S., N. Car.

A. This is leaf-blotch. Avoid excessive moisture and spray with potassium sulfid and ventilate well. A simple solution of potassium sulfid takes three ounces of the sulfid to ten gallons of water.—EDITOR.

Q. When is the best time to root Coleus?—M. P., New York.

A. They may be rooted at any time of the year, but if plants are wanted for the window-garden, start them in the Spring.—EDITOR.

Q. Will Bougainvilleas stand the Winter outdoors in Maryland?—B. C. S., Md.

A. Bougainvilleas are not hardy and must be treated as pot-plants, except in California and the far South.—EDITOR.

Q. Should the Spider Lily be left in the ground all Winter, or what should be done with it?—L. H., Indiana.

A. The Spider Lily, Hymenocallis, is not hardy in the North and should be treated the same as Amaryllis. Some species are Winter-blooming, others flower in the Summer.—EDITOR.

Q. Can you please tell me what the black spots are on my Snapdragon leaves and what I can do to get rid of them?—W. H. V., Kans.

A. This is leaf-spot. Burn the affected leaves and then spray the plant with Bordeaux mixture.—EDITOR.

Q. How should Dahlia tubers be divided?—J. L. F., Ohio.

A. Each division must have an eye or it will not grow, and these eyes are not on the tuber, but on the crown. It is best to place the tubers in a warm, moist place a little while before dividing, so the eyes will start.—EDITOR.

Q. My Pelargonium gets translucent spots on the leaves, which finally die. What can I do for it?—C. K., Mich.

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A. Withhold water until absolutely necessary, then water only to keep plant from withering.—EDITOR.

Q. Please suggest a hardy vine to be trained on lattice-work for the south side of a porch, house facing west, sunlight all day.—J. L. F., Ohio.

A. Clematis Paniculata is very desirable.—EDITOR.

Q. How late may Dahlias be dug?—H. L., Conn.

A. They should be dug as soon as the plants are killed by frost. Conditions vary, but the roots will decay if frozen.—EDITOR.

Q. What will make my Calla bloom?—O. R., New Jersey.

A. Remove the bulb from the pot, shake off all the soil, and then bed it out in June in a sunny spot, four inches beneath the surface, and let Nature take care of it until potting time in the Fall. The plant may lose its leaves, but this rest will promote a thorough ripening which will insure the development of flowers. Improper ripenings result in no blooms.—EDITOR.

Q. How should I care for a Cyclamen after blooming?—A. B., Ohio.

A. Ripen your bulbs by placing them in the shade, but never allow them to dry out. The leaves may die, but if the bulb keeps plump it will be in good condition to repot in September. In potting care should be taken not to destroy any fleshy roots that have formed.—EDITOR.

Q. What soil is best for Roses?—J. A., Conn.

A. Roses will grow in any soil that produces a fair crop of grain, vegetables or grass, but prefer a rich, deep loam, well-drained. Teas do best in a fairly light soil; Hybrid Perpetuals in a heavy clay.—EDITOR.

Q. Please tell me why my Jerusalem Cherry does not fruit? It blooms profusely.—E. S., Mich.

A. When a Jerusalem Cherry does not fruit it indicates that the atmosphere is too damp for the pollen to distribute, without which the cherry-like fruit could not form.—EDITOR.

Q. What can I do for a fungus on my Begonia that blisters the leaves in spots and spoils their appearance?—J. S., Penna.

A. Remove and destroy all diseased leaves and sprinkle some lime and sulphur over those remaining. A little lime and sulphur should also be stirred into the surface soil.—EDITOR.

Q. My Amaryllis has six little bulbs around the roots. Should these be removed and when will they bloom?—J. L., Ohio.

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